A COLLECTION OF Some Paſſages

(Touching thoſe called

QUAKERS)

Which were Writ by ſeveral that were, or ſtill are, amongſt that People:

WHEREBY

The Reader may plainly ſee and perceive what Spirit it is that Acts their Preachers and Leaders; and how they have been foretold and faithfully Warned of the Day of **Perplexity, Reproach,** and **Ignominy,** that is come and coming upon Them.

The Second Edition. To which is added, a *Preface, Poſtſcript* and *Appendix*, &c. by *J. P.*

O thou Sword of the LORD, *how long will it be e're thou be quiet? Put up thy ſelf into thy Scabbard, reſt, and be ſtill. How can it be quiet, ſeeing the* LORD *hath given it a Charge?*

I cannot hold my Peace, becauſe thou haſt heard, O my Soul, the Sound of the Trumpet, the Alarum of War.

London, Sold by *A. Baldwin.* 1700.

PREFACE.

OH People! my Bowels yearn, my Bowels yearn towards you, whose desires in any measure are after the LORD: O that you would now (*I say, that you would now*) Return with all your Hearts unto HIM, and obey the Voice of HIS Power in you; then should you be made able to stand and endure the Fiery Tryal which is come and coming. Oh! the Day hastens wherein all Profession, that is not grounded in the Life and Power of the LORD JESUS CHRIST (whatever the shew of it be) will be so Shaken, that an utter (*I say, an utter*) Blasting and Withering shall come upon it; and for that cause the LORD doth, and will yet Suffer great Tryals (*yea, I say, great Tryals*) to come, both upon the Professors and Possessors of HIS Name; that so HIS Children [the Possessors] may be manifested unto all, and discerned from all that are but Professors, though never so fair and seemingly Covered; for all Coverings, but what is of the Power and Spirit it self, shall be too Narrow; and all that are not covered with the Spirit and Power of *Emmanuel*, their Shame and Nakedness shall Appear more and more.

THIS is the Testimony which the Spirit and Word of Truth giveth; therefore he that hath an Ear to hear, let him hear, before the Day of his Visitation be wholly past, and the things belonging to his Peace be hid from his Eyes.

READ this who can; and he that can Receive it, let him; for the Time draweth nigh that these Sayings must be Fulfilled.

Printed 1670, 1671, and 1696.

J. P.

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Collection, &c.

I HAVE long seen (saith *R. R.*) the Abomination that maketh Desolate, standing amongst the *Quakers*: Wherefore hear the Word of the LORD, ye Rulers of *Sodom*, and People of *Gomorrah*, 'tis this Spirit that hath encompassed your *Jerusalem* about, as with Armies, by which we know the Destruction thereof draweth nigh. Finally, 'tis that *Spirit* of Wickedness in the form of Righteousness, that hath already torn your *Crown* from off your *Head*, and discovered your Secret Parts; so that the Scab of Contention and Strife is seen, that will never leave nor cease to Divide you, till the Name of *Quaker* become an Hiss and a Scorn amongst the Nations. *This Witness is true.*

AND You that, for the vast number of your Tribes, have seemed to magnifie your selves in your increase of Children; Wo be to You that now give Suck, (and take so much pains to add to your Sect) for behold in one Day, loss of Children and Widowhood shall come upon you. *This Witness is true.*

OF this I am most certain, that a Bitter, Lying, and Persecuting, Proud *Spirit* inhabits your Tents; which Babylonish Garment hath long

been seen to lye hid amongst that *Tribe*, called the *Ministry*, the *Teachers* and *Leaders* of the *Quakers*; even such Spiritual Wickedness, which if practised amongst Presbyterians, Independents, or others, (whom ye disown, and can see nothing in them that is good) they would abhor themselves therein; which You, as with a Whore's Forehead, boldly maintain and defend. You are, in truth, those that justifie your selves before Men, but GOD knoweth your Hearts; and the Day is at Hand, even at your very Door, which will Discover, Reveal, and Preach as upon the House-tops, many and great Abominations which yet lye hid amongst You, that so you may be judged according to your Deeds. *This Witness is true*, as St. *Paul* said, *Tit.* 1. 12, 13.

I am constrained (contrary to my Nature) to plead like a Man of Contention against this Proud, Pharisaical and Perverse Generation; this *Leviathan and Crooked Serpent*, in whose Nostrils (unless a Hook be put) would swallow not only the Rivers, but also the very Sea into himself, *viz.* Receive all (tho' never so unclean in Heart and Spirit, if outwardly they will but own him, receive his Mark * and walk in outward Observation and Shew conformable to Them; who while they profess themselves free from Sin, and being the [only] Children of GOD, are notwithstanding found bitter Persecutors of the Truth, and Enemies to the Unction the Anointed One, in whomsoever HE doth appear; thereby rendring themselves guilty of all the Innocent Blood which hath been spilt, from the Blood of Righteous *Abel*, even to this Day:

* *Of* Thee, *and* Thou, *and the* Hat.

All which *Blood* cryeth aloud for Vengeance upon the well-favoured Harlot (Myſtery *Babylon*) who in the Golden Cups, and goodly Shew of an outward Profeſſion, hath inwardly (with a bitter, ravening and devouring *Spirit*) made her ſelf Drunk with the Blood of the Saints and Martyrs of *JESUS*. *This Witneſs is true.*

I have obſerved, that thoſe that forſake Father and Mother, (the Sect that nouriſh'd and brought them forth) to follow the Lord fully and wholly (as did *Caleb*, *Joſhua*, and *JESUS*, &c.) not minding their own Reputations, or Fame, nor loving their Lives to the Death; ſuch, I ſay, have been accounted, as in all Ages, ſo by this Hypocritical, Proud, Self-righteous Generation, as the worſt of Men; calling them *Ranters*, *Atheiſts*, *Blaſphemers*, *Devils*, any thing, even all manner of Evil, ſo they may wound the Truth, and ſlay the Innocent Defenders thereof; whoſe harmleſs Souls I ſee lying under the Altar of Truth, ſorely oppreſſed for their Teſtimony thereunto; and crying out, How long, LORD GOD, Holy and True, (will it be) e're thou doſt Judge and Revenge our Blood? For whoſe Elect ſake, the GOD of my Salvation will ſuddenly ariſe, and behold Enmity, Lies, and Falſhood, *&c.* (even all that Spirit of Wickedneſs) will ſurely fly, hide it ſelf, and ſink again into the bottomleſs Pit from whence it came.

THEY care not whom they ſlander, or what Lies they tell, ſo they may Advance, Strengthen, and Increaſe their Party and Sect. By all which it evidently appears, that the Spirit of Deceit and Falſhood is crept in, and doth inhabit amongſt this People.

YOU are now like that Evil Spirit cast out, running to and fro, walking in the dry places of your Elders Traditions, those You call good Old Friends; seeking rest, but never shall find any, so long as *Balack* and *Balaam*, that bitter Spirit, leads to Curse whom GOD will surely Bless, and bring over You; for YE MUST FALL and (with *Haman*, *Saul*, and *Herod*) be insnared and taken, even in the same Pit of cruel Deceit, which you have digged for your Innocent Brethren; and herein (for some time) will the Faith and Patience of the Saints be exercised.

THUS am I clear from the Blood of all Men, in that I have not ceased, both by Words and Writing, to forewarn of the coming of this Antichrist among the *Quakers*, who for more than Ten Years last past, have been that poor Ass, speaking as with Man's Voice, reproving and withstanding the Madness of this Lying, Wrathful, Bitter, Persecuting Spirit, knowing right well when it entred, and You thereby came to reject the LORD, that He should not Reign over You by His Spirit of Light and Love; but rather chose to your selves a King for to Judge and Rule You, who was not the Unction nor the Anointed of the LORD; nor yet the Olive, Fig, nor Vine, that could heal, rejoice, or bind you up; but the Bramble, and King of the bottomless Pit, that shall so Rend, Tear and Devour you, till not one Stone shall be left upon another, which thing tell G. F. that **For**, your King.

BY what is written, you may see how this high and *Luciferian* People the *Quakers*, who for their Shew and Numbers have been as the Stars of Heaven, and who for their Pride and En-

Enmity are to be caſt down, *WHOSE FALL IS THE RICHES OF THE WORLD.* So that the firſt in Profeſſion, are now become the laſt in Poſſeſſion of the Kingdom, which ſtandeth, not in Words, nor yet in Outward Appearances, but in Humility, and Love unfeigned, yea, in Righteouſneſs, Peace, and Joy, *&c.*

The foregoing Paſſages are taken out of Robert Riche's *Letters, which were Printed* 1669, *and Reprinted* 1676. *He was a Merchant, and was one of the Eminenteſt and Ancienteſt* Quaker *that Lived in* London.

I know (ſays *R. R.*) *George Fox* is raiſed up of GOD for this very end, to Try, Refine, and Purifie many, as *Pharaoh* was; and tho' many fall in the Tryal under his Power, yet many will be delivered into the Glorious Liberty of the Sons of GOD.

I likewiſe ſee, that daily more and more will *fall off from that BODY*, and that ſome that ſeparate from them, will with *Daniel* ſtand in their Lot, and follow the LORD in the Spirit of the LAMB more fully than they have done.

Theſe two laſt Paragraphs was Printed in 1680. *in* Abſtracts *of R. R's Let. &c.* P. 15.

II. HOW low and humble were they (*i. e. Quakers*) in their Spirits (in the beginning)? How few were they in Words? Their *Yea*, was *Yea*, and their *Nay*, *Nay*. Ah! let me take up a Lamentation! How are the Mighty fallen? How have the Stars ceaſed to give their Light? How are the Poor diſtreſſed, and the Young Ones bruiſed, by the high Mountains and lofty Cedars, whoſe Habitations were once in Heaven, but now upon the high Places of the

Earth, to impoſe upon the Conſcience, and to eſtabliſh an Arbitrary Power by a Law: Theſe are the *Armed Beaſts*, and the many *Antichriſts*, which break the Unity in Spirit, and the Bond of Peace. P. 10.

THE *Foxonian*-Unity is to yield Subjection to the Order of the *BODY* (ſo called) though no manifeſtation within. And this *Unity* they glory in, by this is their Kingdom upheld, from this they are able to boaſt, *Who is able to make War with us? Who can ſtand before us? Do not all fall that are riſen up againſt us?* Are not theſe the high-ſwelling words of Proud *Babel*, whoſe tow'ring Thoughts muſt be abaſed? Whoſe practice hath been to cruſh the tender Ones in their Bodies, Souls and Spirits. This Language hath mine Ears heard, this Practice hath mine Eyes ſeen, to the grief and wounding of my Soul. P. 11, 12.

THIS Spirit of Antichriſt in G. *Fox*, &c. would wreſt from me what I am not willing to part withal, to wit, my Conſcience, under no leſs Penalty than Excommunication, *&c.* P. 16.

THESE **ill Miniſters** (i. e. G. *Fox*, &c.) conjoin together to ſubvert our Laws and Liberties given by the Great *JEHOVAH*---- And aſſuredly, though they are lifted up as it were into Heaven, in their Proud Imaginations, the Righteous GOD will Blaſt all their *Exalted Expectations*, and they ſhall Die and Periſh in the General Diſſolution, becauſe they have not regarded the Fatherleſs, nor pitied the poor in Spirit, nor compaſſionated the tender Conſcience which feared to Sin againſt the LORD, but Cruſhed, Spoiled, and Oppreſſed (without Bowels

els of Mercy) thoſe that had little ſtrength to help themſelves; invaded their Rights, violated their Liberties, and endeavoured to take the Meat from the Children, and give it unto Dogs. *P.* 26. *This Witneſs is true.*

AND although they daily exerciſe the Oppreſſions before-mentioned, yet by their deceitful Flatteries they make People believe that they are a *Harmleſs, Innocent, and Peaceable People, ſuffering and bearing wrong, but not doing any*: Or if any Perſons write or ſpeak their Grief, that the Publick take notice of, they will repreſent them under ſuch terms as may render them Odious; and the more effectually to weaken their Teſtimonies, they will fix upon them ſcurrilous and contemptible Appellations, as *Scotch-men*, *Welch-men*, *Tinker*, *Taylor*, *&c.* ſome of them utterly untrue; and to prevent an Inquiſition into the Truth of the matter, they would make People believe that they are *Envious*, *Malicious*, *and Diſcompoſed Spirits*, *Bad*, *Dirty*, *Factious*, *and Ranting Spirits*, *who are gone from Truth*, *and are out of Truth.* This Witneſs is true.

SUCH is the Portion of thoſe that appear in the leaſt againſt their Imperious, Tyrannical, and Laſcivious Actions: And whatever Man detected the Fallacies and deſtructive Cheats of Imperious and Diſdainful Men, but was thus reproached? Muſt it be Juſtice in Them to complain of their Oppreſſions, and Envy, and Malice, *&c.* in Us to complain of Ours? Their Years are but few, yet verily they have been exceeding expert in learning the *Papiſts* Subtilties, *P.* 36, 37. *This Witneſs is true.*

IT appears plainly unto the Juſt and Righteous Man, that *G. Fox*, and the reſt of his *Counſel*, have endeavoured to ſubvert the Royal Law of Liberty, and to introduce an *Arbitrary* and *Tyrannical Government* over the Conſciences of the Flock of GOD.

THESE are the *Ravening Wolves* which Prey upon the little Ones in a Lordly Spirit. This is that envenomed Spirit which hath tainted their Judgments, poyſoned their Hearts, and blinded their Eyes. P. 38.

AND I affirm the LORD did not raiſe them up to bring us off from the Barren Mountains, to feed upon them who are now become a Deſart; nor from under our Oppreſſors, to turn Oppreſſors themſelves. Let them remember the Army, it is their Figure*; And if the LORD's Anger waxed hot againſt them for their Unfaithfulneſs, what will be the Portion of Theſe who have ſo deeply Apoſtatized from clearer Manifeſtations? P. 41.

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DEAR Friend, It hath pleaſed the LORD to raiſe thee up, to bear a Teſtimony againſt an Adulterous, Tyrannical, and an Hypocritical Generation, *&c.* P. 44.

W. Mucklowe, *(an Eminent and Ingenious* Quaker*) in a large Letter (with much more to the ſame effect) Printed* 1673. *Intituled*, The Spirit of the Hat, &c. *and is Reprinted this Year* 1700. *Titled*, A Bemoaning Letter, *&c.*

III. HE (i. e. *S. Cater*, a great Preacher) has written more than is true concerning me, ---he is very Bold, and the moſt Confident Liar that ever I met with; I laid the Record againſt *J. Ainſtoe* before him, ---alſo *G. Whitehead*'s Falſe Certificate about the (ſaid) Record, (in

(in his Book, *Judgment Fixed*, &c.) it is an abuſeful *Forgery*; for ſome of thoſe whoſe Names are to the Certificate, abſolutely diſowns it, and ſay, they ſet their Hands to none; it is very ſad (ſaid ſhe) that Men ſhould be ſo Bold in their Wickedneſs. A. Docwra's *Letter to Mr.* Criſp, March 25. 1684.

I know it is common (ſays ſhe) with ſome of them in their Books of Controverſie, to put the Names of ſuch Perſons as they account their Vaſſals, both to Certificates and Books, ſometimes without the Conſent of the Parties whoſe Names are inſerted, and ſometimes with their Conſent, through ſlaviſh Fear of having their Trades obſtructed, and thereby Ruined. *(See* A. D's *Printed Broadſide, i. e.* The New Projecting Formaliſt Characteriz'd, *&c.) This Witneſs is true.*

WHICH Impious Practice of Theirs is confirmed in their ſhameful Forgery *in* R. S's *Book*, Righteous Judgment, *&c. as at large in a Letter of his to me, printed in my* Modeſt Defence, *&c.* p. 20. *may be ſeen.*

F. B.

IV. THE Day is come, that as They have laid open the Deceit, Wickedneſs and Hypocriſie of other Profeſſors that went before Them, ſo muſt their Deceit, Wickedneſs and Hypocriſie be alſo laid open; for the LORD whom I ſerve is no reſpecter of Perſons. *This Witneſs is true.*

Printed 1671. *in a Letter to* G. F. *by* J. P.

V. YOUR

V. YOUR Day into Darkneſs is turn'd, the Sun is gone down over You: You have had a large Day and Power given You to have done the Will of GOD, but you have abuſed the Power, and ſlighted your Day, and have refuſed to do the LORD's Work, and have ſought your ſelves, and not the LORD; Therefore in Juſtice and Righteouſneſs is the Day wherein you might have wrought for GOD taken from You, and the thick **Dark Night of Confuſion** is come upon You, wherein You are groping, and ſtumbling, and cannot Work: The *Decree* is gone out and ſealed againſt You, and it cannot be recalled; You are not the Men (as ye ſtand) in whom GOD will appear to work deliverance for HIS People; (and yet deliverance ſhall come) but as for You, Ye have rejected the Counſel of the LORD, and grieved HIS Spirit; and HE hath long born You; yea, You are departed from the LORD, and HIS preſence is departed from You: Indeed HE hath Hewed with You, (and if You had been faithful to the End, HE would have honoured and proſpered You, and have been your ſufficient Reward) Ye were HIS *Ax*, but Ye have boaſted Your ſelves againſt HIM; therefore as You have Hewed and Broken others, even ſo muſt You be *Hewed* and *Broken*.

This was Printed 1673. and Reprinted 1677, 1692, and 1696. directed for the Preachers and Leaders of the People called *Quakers*. *By* J. P.

VI. WHAT will you do? You Scribes, Phariſees, Hypocrites; you that have been long making clean the outſide of the *Cup* and *Platter*, but inwardly are as *Ravening Wolves*;

Wolves; your Fruits will make you manifeſt: You Hypocrites, your Name will be a ſtink among the Heathen, for the LORD will find you out, whoſe Glory HE will not give to any other, nor HIS Honour to any of your Graven Images; my Soul loaths all your falſe Covers, I cannot but declare againſt all your falſe Ways.

M. D. *an Ancient* Quaker, *and is Printed in a Letter to* G. F. 1682.

VII. I Being ingaged as well as ſome others to manifeſt and lay open deceitful Workers and Hypocrites, I am farther to appear to manifeſt Thee to be one of the greateſt Hypocrites and Deceivers in this Nation; and until Thou own Thy Condemnation, and leave off Deceiving the People, aſſuredly the Sword that's now drawn, is not to be, nor muſt not be ſheath'd, till Thou, and ſuch Deceivers as Thou art, be brought down. *This Witneſs is true.*

In a large Letter to G. F. *by* J. P. 1674, *and Printed* 1682, 1691, *and* 1696.

VIII. THE Day is come, and now is, that the hidden things of *Eſau*'s Nature are to be, and muſt be brought to Light.

See Quakers Unmask'd, *&c. Title Page, writ to* G. Fox, G. Whitehead, *&c.* 1677. *and Printed* 1682, *and* 1691.

IX. AND let *G. Fox*, and Thoſe that uphold him, remember that it was *Jeroboam* the Son of *Nebat* that cauſed *Iſrael* to Sin; and as his Name was Branded to Poſterity, ſo ſhall Theirs be. *This Witneſs is true.*

Printed 1678. *in the Book*, A Senſible Cry, *&c.* p. 6. A. M.

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X. BEHOLD, you Great *Goliahs!* Your ſtrength is in an Arm of Fleſh, but mine is only in the Living GOD; before whom all Your deceitful covers are manifeſt, which will ſtand You in little ſtead in the Day of Diſtreſs that is coming upon You: For HE will certainly plead with You for all Your Abominations: You are full of Deſigns to keep up Your Eſteem among the People, but the LORD (by whoſe POWER I am raiſed up againſt You) will bring You low, and *utter Diſgrace* will come upon You, becauſe You have not ſought HIS Glory ſo much as Your own.

Quakers Unmasked, *&c. Preface by* J. P. *Printed* 1682, *and* 1691.

XI. A Day of Trouble, Anguiſh, and Diſappointment, is come and coming upon You, which you can neither eſcape, nor prevent: You muſt reap the Fruit of your own doings; for as you have ſowed the Wind, you muſt expect to reap the Whirlwind, wherein is nothing but *Confuſion*, *Darkneſs*, *Blackneſs*, and *Tempeſt:* And this is the Portion of all the Builders of *Babel*, or *Babyloniſh* Builders. And tho' You may think that you have built the higheſt and faireſt Structure of any, yet know, and that for a truth, that not one Stone thereof ſhall be left upon another; and all your *Buildings*, your *Inventions*, your *Imaginations*, and Conceivings about your *Forms*, your Proud *Self-conceited Modes*, your *Impoſitions*, your *Preſcriptions*, *Laws*, and *Comely Orders*, (as you in your fallen Wiſdom call them) muſt all be thrown down, laid Waſte, and become as a By-word or Proverb

verb of Reproach to the very Heathen, and not only to Them, but alſo to Thoſe whom you have defamed and ſtigmatized with the blackeſt of Names; and for no other Cauſe, but only for their Faithfulneſs in Diſcharging a good Conſcience towards their GOD, towards You, and towards all Men. Theſe are faithful and true Sayings, if thou canſt receive them thou mayeſt.

Printed 1680, *in a Letter to* George Fox, *by* J. P. *who is a Perſon well known, and of an unſpotted Reputation.*

F. B.

BEHOLD that which You *have Built muſt be Broken down, and that which* You *have Planted muſt be Plucked up.*

IT may be They will preſent their Supplications before the LORD, *and will turn every one from his Evil Way: For great is the Anger and Fury that the* LORD *hath pronounced againſt* THIS PEOPLE.

POSTSCRIPT.

HE that reads the Books of Controverſie againſt G. *Fox*, G. *Whitehead*, and that Party, writ by ſeveral that had been (ſome 20, 30, or 40 Years) of the Society of the *Quakers* *, will plainly ſee much of the *foregoing Collections* already fulfill'd, and ſo muſt the reſt be in the appointed Seaſon; and

* *Viz.* F. Bugg, T. Criſp, W. Rogers, Jo. Hog, N. Coleman, J. Rance, G. Keith, D. Leeds, W. Mather, *and no leſs than* 67 *Writ againſt them at one time, with divers others that might be named, beſides the Author of the* Snake, *&c.*

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then 'twill more fully and evidently appear, that the ſame *Infallible* and *Unerring* SPIRIT, by which the Holy Men of Old were Guided, ſome have been made living and true Witneſſes of in this our Age and Generation: Tho' 'tis ſad to conſider how the *Quakers* [vain Boaſts and falſe Pretences thereto] have cauſed the very Name of the *LORD* and His *Inſpirations* to be Derided and Blaſphemed, yea, and that in a greater and higher degree, than any other *Sect* whatſoever; this is Matter of Sorrow, and ought to be laid to Heart by every one concern'd.

J. P.

O *THOU Great and Infinite* BEING, *before Whom* all Nations are but as the drop of a Bucket *in compariſon of* THEE, *Bleſs, Preſerve, and Keep me, and all that truly fear* THEE, *from all, and all manner of Evil,* [*whether of* Fleſh *or* Spirit] *from henceforth and for ever, is the Deſire, Humble and Hearty Prayer of one of the* Unlearnedſt, Weakeſt *and* Unworthieſt *of all* THY *Servants, yet am one that have been made willing (and that with gladneſs of Heart) to follow* THY *Leadings, whether into* Good *or* Evil Report; *Praiſed and Glorified be* THY *Name for evermore, ſaith* THY *Servant; and let all the Upright-hearted ſay,* Amen.

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An APPENDIX.

'IT is impoſſible (ſays *W. Mather*) that the 'Pens now in Controverſie, againſt *Us* '*Quakers*, ſhould be put a ſtop to, before there is 'a Reformation of our numerous Preachers. And 'alſo a Retractation of all the Errors of *our* '*Friends* Books, be publiſhed. P. 1.

'CONSIDER this, you fierce Deſpiſers of all 'Thoſe who deſire Your Reformation in *Doctrine* 'and *Practice*. You know where this curſed thing 'is, that cauſeth all this Diſturbance; you ſtill 'hide it, but out it muſt come, and *be beaten to* '*Powder*. P. 9.

The above is taken out of W. Mather's *Book, printed this Year* 1700. *He has been a Quaker theſe* 40 *Years.*

WHEREIN you have erred, be not aſham'd to confeſs and return; for however you are filled with Confidence of your ſelves, you are [fully] ſeen to others.

FRET not at Inſtruments, neither look ſo much at Them, as at that Righteous *HAND* that is turned againſt You.

YOU have loſt your Glory, it cannot be hid; the *Subſtance* is departed, tho' the *Shadows* remain; Therefore let Humility and unfeigned Repentance be found amongſt You; that *Glory* may be given to *HIM*, who is the Searcher of all Hearts. *This was Printed* 1675, *and* 1696.

BEHOLD, They—*ſay*, *The Viſion that he ſeeth* is *for many days* to come, *and he propheſieth of the Times that are afar off.*

THEREFORE ſay unto them, Thus ſaith the LORD, *There ſhall none of my Words be prolonged any more, but the Word which I have ſpoken, ſhall be done, ſaith the* LORD GOD.

These following Words were Spoken at Several of the Quakers *Meetings*, 1699.

WHERE any *Form*, without the POWER; and where an *Image*, without LIFE, is set up and exalted; There, and by such a People, the Worshippers in Spirit and in Truth, are Despised and Rejected. This is a most Certain and True Testimony; He or She that can receive it, let 'em.

AND tho' the Words of the Prophets were Read every Sabbath Day in the *Jews* Synagogues; yet their Rulers neither knew the True SHEPHERDS Voice, nor the Voices of the Prophets; as saith the Scriptures of Truth *. And tho' the Words of the Prophets, and also of the Apostles, are frequently Declared, and Spoken in Your Assemblies; yet, most that pretend themselves to be Ministers of CHRIST, neither know HIS Voice, nor the Voices of the Prophets, nor of the Apostles.

* *Acts* 13. 27.

THIS is the *Message* I have been made, of late, to deliver at most of Your Meetings, in, and about this City. And tho' the Words, are the Words of Truth and Soberness; yet some *(of your Preachers)* have not ceased (as the *Jews* of old did) to Contradict, and Blaspheme the Good SPIRIT of the Ever-blessed GOD, by which it was Declared, and Spoken: And therefore I was made to come hither * at this Time, to Warn and Caution You, to *Beware lest that come upon You, which is Spoken of in the Prophets* (and which *Paul* also Spake to the *Jews*,) *viz.*

* *White-Hart-Court*, and at *Devonshire-House*.

BEHOLD, ye Despisers, and Wonder, and Perish; for I will work a Work in this Your Day (I say, in this Your Day) *which You will not Believe, altho' it should be Declared unto You.*

AND thus having Faithfully Performed what is Required of Me, at this Time, I am to leave You, and to Depart in Peace.

The Concluſion.

AND now I ſhall Conclude with a few words of Counſel and Advice (not only to my neareſt and deareſt Relations, (of what kind ſoever) but alſo to Thoſe who have been more particularly concerned and ingaged, in Diſcovering and laying open the Immoralities and Miſcarriages of the higheſt pretenders to Religion), *viz.*

OH! that every one of You, who have ſeen the Evils and Miſcarriages of others, might make a deep ſearch into your own Hearts; and ſee if you are not guilty [before the Inviſible and All-ſeeing EYE] of ſome Iniquity or other, that offends His Divine MAJESTY; which, if (upon a diligent ſearch) you find your ſelves Guilty, my Deſire, my Requeſt, yea, my Hearty Prayer both for you, and my ſelf, is; That we may never let HIM reſt, till HE hath *Cleanſed, Purged and Purified* us from all *Secret* and *Hidden Sins*; and from all *Filthineſs of Fleſh* and *Spirit:* And this I beg, in the Name, and for the alone and only ſake of our for Ever Bleſſed LORD and SAVIOUR JESUS CHRIST, *who gave himſelf for*

for us [who truly Love, Fear, and Obey HIM] *that HE might Redeem us from all Iniquity, and Purifie unto Himself a Peculiar People Zealous of good Works.* This is that happy State, and blessed Condition, which my self, with some others, for these many Years have been labouring and pressing after, and which (through the Infinite Mercy of the great GOD) after much Waiting, Stilness, and Retir'dness, we have, in some measure attained; And therefore cannot but in true Love advise you all, my *Dear Friends*, to be like minded, in labouring for, and pressing after the Same; that so you may reap the Benefit, and I the Comfort, of all the Desires and Prayers, which have been made, either for you, or my self.

J. P.

BEHOLD the Goodness, and Severity of GOD: On THEM which are fallen, *Severity; but towards US, Goodness, if we continue in HIS Goodness; otherwise WE also shall be cut off.*

And THEY also, if THEY abide not still in Unbelief, shall be Grafted in: for GOD is able to Graft THEM in again.

BLESSED,

BLESSED, and Happy, yea, for Ever Happy, will they be, who hears the Word of GOD near or in their Hearts, that keeps it, and is in all faithfulneſs obedient to it; ſuch will ſtand as fixed and unmoveable [in the midſt of all the Concuſſions, Dividings, and Shakings, that at preſent are, or are to be; in *Church*, or *State*] as a firm Rock, in the midſt of a rough and tempeſtuous Sea. *This is a certain, ſure, and true Teſtimony; he that can receive it, let 'em.*

HE ſhall not be afraid of Evil Tydings: His Heart is fixed, truſting in the LORD.

The END.